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Office Action Summary

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 November 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/C)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(c), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(c) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/4/09 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1- 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spencer Larry et al (WO 01/29514 A1) in view of Kalis et al (US 6966533).

Regarding claim 1, Spencer et al disclose a GPS navigation system comprising a removable dock 24 (figs. 1&4; page 3, lines 8-10) in combination with a portable GPS navigation device 26 (figs. 1, 2&4; page 5, lines 7-13; page 7, lines 6-19), in which the device is programmable with map data (*database of roads is interpreted as map data, page 4, lines 10-13*) and a navigation application that enables a route to be planned between two user-defined places, wherein the removable dock 24 comprises:

a RF connector 38 (fig. 1 and 2; page 4, lines 2-4) designed to automatically interface with a RF connector 40 (figs. 1 and 2; page 4, lines 2-4) in the device 26 in order to feed RF signals from an external aerial 48 to the device 26 when the device 26 is correctly mounted on the dock 24 (page 4, lines 2-9).

Spencer did not disclose a suction mount for mounting the dock. Although Spencer disclose a dock in a vehicle, Spencer did not disclose how the dock is mounted in a vehicle. However, Kalis (figs. 1&9; col. 6, lines 59-67) teaches of a suction mount (126, 134, fig. 9) that enables a removable dock (20, 122, 124; fig. 9, col. 6, line 36+) to be removably connected to a portion of a vehicle (car windscreen col. 6, lines 65-67).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the electronic unit mounting art at the time the invention was made to modify Spencer as taught by Kalis (col. 1, lines 57+) for the purpose of providing a navigation system is compact, easily removably mounted, and easily viewed.

Regarding claim 2, Spencer et al disclose the GPS navigation system of Claim 1 wherein the RF signals are GPS signals (page 4, lines 2-9).

Regarding claim 3, Spencer et al disclose the GPS navigation system of Claim 2 in which the dock 24 comprise a platform, wherein the device 26 is removably attached to the docking platform 24 (page 4, lines 2-9). Spencer did not disclose that the docking platform rotatably mounted. However, Kalis teaches of a dock (20, 122, 124) that comprises a platform that is rotatably mounted on an arm (*the arm is the section joining 126 to 124 through pivot F in fig. 9; col. 6, lines 50-64*), and a GPS device 12 (fig. 1) that is removably attached to the docking platform (20, 122, 124).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the electronic unit mounting art at the time the invention was made to modify Spencer as taught by Kalis (col. 1, lines 57+) for the purpose of providing a navigation system is compact, easily mounted and easily viewed.

Regarding claim 4, Spencer et al in view of Kalis disclose the GPS navigation system of Claim 3 in which the arm is pivotally mounted so that the platform (20, 122, 124; see Kalis fig. 9) can be moved vertically and horizontally (*the arm is the section joining 126 to 124 through pivot F in fig. 9; see Kalis col. 6, lines 50-64*).

Regarding claim 5, Spencer et al disclose the GPS navigation system of claim 1, but did not disclose a lip about which the device 26 is designed to rotate. However, Kalis (figs. 1 and 9; col. 3, lines 35-39; col. 6, lines 50-64) teaches of a navigation device comprising a lip 124 (fig. 9 of Kalis) about which a device 12 is designed to rotate when being mounted onto a dock (20, 122, 124, fig. 9), the lip 142 being shaped to guide the device 12 into correct alignment and engagement with the dock (20, 122, 124).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the electronic unit mounting art at the time the invention was made to modify Spencer as taught by Kalis (col. 1, lines 57+) for the purpose of providing a navigation system is compact, easily mounted and easily viewed.

Regarding claim 6, Spencer et al disclose the GPS navigation system of Claim 1, but did not disclose that it was mounted on a windshield. However, Kalis (col. 3, lines 23-35; col. 6, lines 65 and 66) teaches of a GPS device 12 mounted on a vehicle dashboard or windscreen.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the electronic unit mounting art at the time the invention was made to modify Spencer as taught by Kalis (col. 1, lines 57+) for the purpose of providing a navigation system is compact, easily mounted and easily viewed.

Regarding claim 7, Spencer Larry et al (WO 01/29514 A1) in view of Kalis et al (US 6966533) disclose the GPS navigation system of claim 1, wherein the dock further comprises:

an internal antenna, the internal antenna being connected to the portable GPS navigation device when the portable GPS navigation device is correctly mounted on the dock.

Claims 8- 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Spencer Larry et al (WO 01/29514 A1) in view of Kalis et al (US 6966533) for having similar limitations as claims 1-7.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 11/4/09 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

As an example, applicant argues that the prior art Spencer and Kalis in combination do not disclose the invention. The examiner disagrees, applicant's arguments are not convincing.

Spencer did not disclose a suction mount for mounting the dock. Although Spencer disclose a dock in a vehicle, Spencer did not disclose how the dock is mounted in a vehicle. However, Kalis (figs. 1&9; col. 6, lines 59-67) teaches of a suction mount (126, 134, fig. 9) that enables a removable dock (20, 122, 124; fig. 9, col. 6, line 36+) to be removably connected to a portion of a vehicle (car windscreen col. 6, lines 65-67).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the electronic unit mounting art at the time the invention was made to modify Spencer as taught by Kalis (col. 1, lines 57+) for the purpose of providing a navigation system that is compact, easily removably mounted and easily viewed.

As further noted, Kalis teaches of a removable suction mount that is connected to a dock. Therefore, when the suction is removed, the dock is also removed since the suction is connected to the dock.

Applicant's arguments have no nexus to the claimed subject matter. Applicant is ignoring the rejection, when the examiner makes reference to Kalis, applicant will instead refer to Spencer, and when the examiner makes reference to Spencer applicant will instead refer to Kalis.

It is believed that the rejection is proper and shall stand.

Communication

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RONNIE MANCHO whose telephone number is (571)272-6984. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs: 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tran Khoi can be reached on 571-272-6919. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Ronnie Mancho/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3664

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